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not comply with *my* demands, why, I shall be compelled to write a story or two also."

"And if I do, will you give me that check?"

"By no means. I wish to keep you harmless."

"Ah," said Clinquant, gnashing his teeth.

Mr. Digest replaced the check carefully in his pocket-book, took a pinch of snuff, and took his hat.

"What security have I that you will keep your part of the bargain?" asked Clinquant hoarsely.

"I've kept this matter secret for five years, cause it has been to my interest so to do, shall certainly not use it unless there is a pre-occasion for it. Good day."

"There's a pretty story spoiled in the telling," chuckled he, as he made his way homeward. "How that fellow hates me. Phew! He would murder me, if he was certain of not being caught. But it is not rogues I fear, but the people," and with this paradox the worthy lawyer dismissed the subject.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

FOR THE ENLIGHTENED WOMAN.

MEN AND WOMEN.
No. I.

Wherein Man is Greatly Magnified

BY GAIL HAMILTON.

I am a woman. I am sorry that it is so, and that I am so. I would a great deal rather be a man than a woman. I am not a man. If my own inclination were consulted, there would have been a unanimous vote for "the opposition:" but my

My masculine preferences do not arise from the perverseness of the natural heart, prone to be disaffected towards any existing state of things, since I am universally acknowledged to possess a cheerful, contented, and happy disposition; nor is it the mere whim of a fanciful or capricious mind. It is rather a spontaneous growth of the soil, arising from a full and hearty recognition of the fact that I am a man.

seasons: it is the unmovable granite seat underlying my whole life, and outcropping frequent points. Far back, almost to my infancy, I remember marching around with a cudgel in my hand, and a whip in my other hand, of boots rattling around my feet. As the types of old time rejoiced in persecution with the sublimity of a great principle sworn to, I have gloried in the epithet "Tom-All-feminine employments I did not de- but detest. Whatever kept me within the

delightful. A broom was my aversion, a tub my horror, and a needle, under all circumstances, my specific abomination. To rake, to husk corn, to pick apples, to squelch, to leap hay mows, to ride perch on the top of a wagon load of husks, were menial employments and enjoyments; and even now sympathize with my disconsolate girlhood, sitting in melancholy abstraction on the top of the five-barred gate, and wondering why the eternal fitness of things should

Not that I have any intrinsic objection to a woman abstractly, or even concretely considered. On the contrary, I am quite willing to have every person in the world be as a woman except myself. In fact, I rather like a woman objectively. What I object to is a woman more than one of those magnificent creatures who often read, and occasionally see—of a grand, epic—with the blackness and beauty of night in the matchless locks that sweep down the face, calm, still brown, and all the starry spangles of a thousand nights in the eyes that burn like

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There is nothing so splendid as a splendid fact. I need not search the pages of his facts to confirm my position. I need not say to you to Mozart, king in the realms of song, Napoleon, "wrapped in the solitude of originality;" to John Bunyan, standing on his Delectable Mountains; to Milton, with his wives behind him when he entered Paradise. They are confessedly unapproachable and inapproachable, and therefore would

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imply to be a Milton. Eighteen hundred
furnished but one Napoleon. John Smith,
born, married, and die, by the thousands;
nothing apparently can be more common
than their lives. What, then, should be
been advantaged, had my soul been pre-
to tabernacle in the flesh of a John
Precisely this. Commonplace as it is, the
John Smith, the life of Mrs. J. S. is at
so. Small as are his advantages and opor-
ties, hers are incomparably smaller; and

ly, I put on sackcloth and ashes, bewail my womanhood.

Now, don't overwhelm me with a torrent of platitudes about woman's opportunities, her sacrifice, moral heroism, silent influence, her love, and all that cut-and-dried waffle-sphere-ism; pray, don't. I know all about it. I could write you an octavo volume on the subject, with dedication, introduction, preface, appendix; but just go to your window and look out. See how she is forced to conform, rainy day, and notice the first window that opens. See how she is forced to conform to all the energies of mind and body or

desperately to the unwieldy umbrella; it is ceaselessly struggling to keep firm the multitudinous draperies; and if book or bundle, claim a share of her attention, the case is pitiable indeed. Down goes upon the wet flag-stone, detected only by ominous flapping against the ankles of the garment has become saturated—a loose end on the umbrella, of which it takes advantage and immediately sways imminent over—a convulsive and random clutched petticoats—the umbrella righted, a sud of wind threatens to bear it away, and, as

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THE RECALL OF LORD NA

The following letter comes from a *South Boston Advertiser*, which gives the importance to its statements, as it speaks of that which he is in a position to reveal.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

The sudden recall of a British Minister of so rare occurrences that it cannot without its motives being fully canvassed. The paper has attracted much of Lord's diplomatic and parliamentary friends. When its cause and its consequences are understood in the United States, it is understood in the United States, it is a source of great gratification to every loyal American Union, and to every true patriot, that it removes all doubt as to the position which the British Government occupies.

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presented to Lord Palmerston, there
for Foreign Affairs, were by him
and the knowledge of Mr. Fox, and
even embargo, disseminated by
the British, the disunion scheme encountered
also by the fate of the Lopez expedition
Cuba—returned discomfited to the
States.

These schemes were not, however,
and serious attempts have been made
in favor for them; while the men
in them have sought to produce their
the United States that the sentiment
to the extension of of the war, and
near home of Great Britain, was a
the Government. During the last V
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and as a fact that the British Gov-
ernment had changed its opinion on this great
question. Anything said in so grave a body
as the United States Senate attracted attention,
and it was not much importance would
be attached to the declarations of Mr. R. if
it had not been for the known intimacy be-
tween him and Lord Napier. An early occasion
was afforded by the British Government to
confer with Mr. R. on the subject of the
navigation of the St. Lawrence, the Duke
declaring that he was instructed by his
Government to do so.

Since their British travels, returned to
the United States, have spoken with
the same language as before, and have
declared that they would not adopt the
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The recall of Lord Napier will, it is thought, that the British Government will have to deal with those who are now being called the American Union—that is, whether the people do, to see that Union proper, and that its sympathies in men of pure character and noble aims, to be recalled to revive the soundest of Washington, Jefferson and Franklin's principles of Liberty, and to emancipation of Slavery, and to emancipation from the slaveholding misrule, and to long exclusively controlled by the slaveholders' caste.

Lord Napier's facile disposition in the case of personal and private business, he employed, but on a national and minor scale.

His successor, Lord Lyons, is a man of pure, disinterested, and character, and may be pardonable here to all.

WASHINGTON ITEM

We find the following items have been submitted to the Northern journals cited Press:

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Interior Department has been officially notified of the possession of the preliminary terms of the proposed treaty between the United States and the Navajo Indians.

Three delegates engaged respective interests of the respective Territories of Sierra Nevada, Arizona, and now in Washington, for a similar purpose is daily expressed in California.

The digest of statistics of manhood suffrage will be transmissible to the press this week. The results are highly favorable, and will tend to facilitate future action in reference to that subject.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Late intelligence from Havana reiterates the opinion prevails there concerning the next change, but affords no indication that a revolutionary movement is contemplated. The general tendency is to warrant the assertion that the French Government has no special interest in the Cuban question.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON. Reliable Mr. John Sessford furnishes *Indigence* with a statement of the buildings erected in the city during the year, from which we gather the following particulars:

During the past year, 260 new houses were erected in the city of Washington, and 17 additions. Of the new houses, 106 were of four stories or more, and 50 of two stories. There are now 9,431 dwellings which contain a population of 37,000. Three were laid during the year ending last of pavement.

GOOD PRICES FOR NEGROES.—The trustees' sale of twenty negroes at Tenn., on the 11th, at which extraordinary prices were obtained. The sale was the twenty negroes brought \$2,000.

It is estimated that there are about 100,000 slaves in the United States, a large proportion of whom are sold from every part of the country, and of wealthy planters all parts of the globe.

CONGRESS—TUESDAY.

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The notable incident in the Senate yesterday attending the removal into the chamber. On taking leave of the old chairman, Mr. Crittenden, the oldest member of the body, made a brilliant and stirring address, in which he made a review of the history of the Senate since the death of Chief Justice Marshall; after which, Mr. Brewster, the presiding officer, made a handsome and appropriate address. The members then moved in procession to the new chamber, where, after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gurley, the Senate resumed its ordinary morning business.

Mr. Charles W. Seward, who had been elected to the Presidency of the new chamber, was escorted to his new quarters.

The House was occupied in receiving the members from counties, mostly of a private character.

Commercial, Jan. 4.—A special dispatch from the *Chicago Tribune* states that the Legislature of Illinois convened at Springfield yesterday. The Democrats were united, as regards the Senate. A caucus was held at Springfield, at which place the Democrats were to meet when they came on Wednesday, at 2 P. M.

Further studies that attempt to wear man-
tles to organize, but that Republicans
to attend, and only a temporary organ
was effected. This movement indicates
the future position of the British
Jan. 4. — Another special dispatch
Philadelphia Press from Springfield says
Judge Douglas was unanimously nomi-
nated for the Senate, and that he was
endorsing the Administration, introduced
Mr. Martin, from the Anti-Leocompton
cause.

Mr. Morrison was elected Speaker of
House.

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